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Lafayette, Louisiana
August 30, 2004

Hon. James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: Miocene Zone, Reservoir A
Iowa Field
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **MAYNE & MERTZ, INC.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Miocene Zone, Reservoir A, in Iowa Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Miocene Zone, Reservoir A, in Iowa Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, said unit to be designated MIO RA SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To provide that any wells drilled to the Miocene Zone, Reservoir A, should be located in accordance with the provisions of LAC 43:XIX.1901 et seq. (Statewide Order No. 29-E).
4. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the aforementioned zone by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the

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producing characteristics of the reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

5. To consider such others matters as may be pertinent.

The Miocene Zone, Reservoir A, in the Iowa Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 2,732 feet and 3,926 feet in the Shell Oil Company – Heyd No. 31 Well, located in Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 7 West, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and is further defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 3,022 feet and 4,410 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Richardson Oils, Inc. -- Texas & N.O. Railway No. 1 Well, located in Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 6 West, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

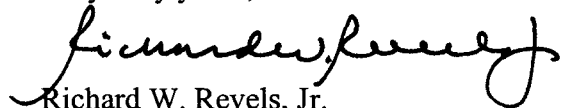
Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, Telephone No. 337/232-5004.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference was held on August 30, 2004, in Lafayette, Louisiana, at which the parties named on the attached list were in attendance. The conference was opened by representatives of the applicant who explained the bases for the proposed unit. Questions were asked and answered. No counterplans were presented at the conference although opposition is possible. The conference was adjourned.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are the plat outlining the applicant's proposal, the conference attendance list and the list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being mailed. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant, in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation and representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

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Attachments
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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, Lafayette District Office of Conservation
cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

